

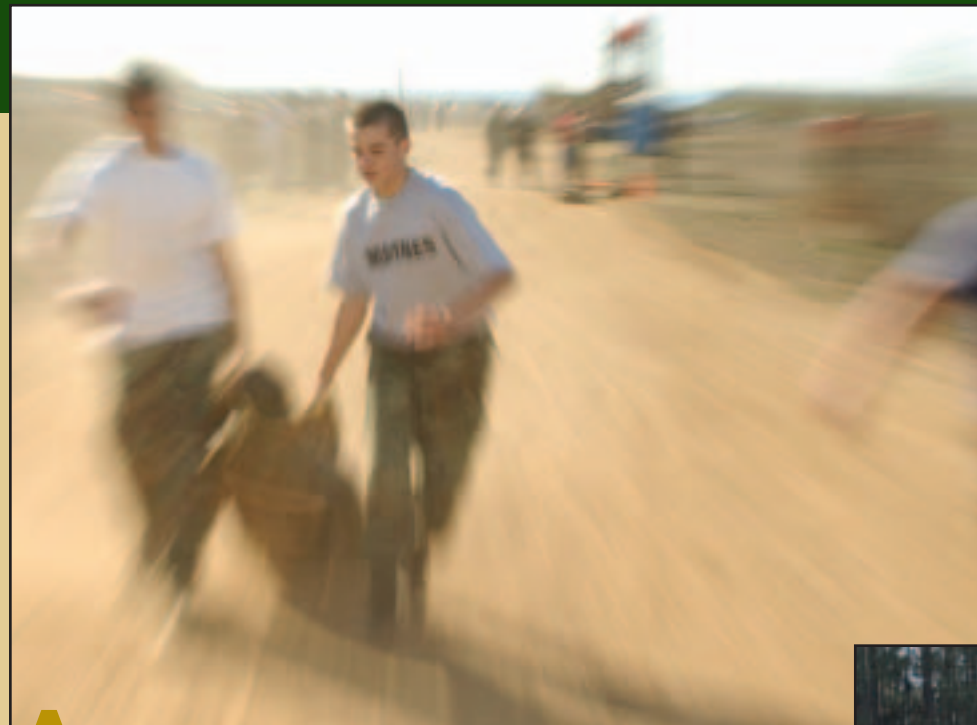


**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
BEAUFORT, S.C.** – Nicholas Boone, son of  
Lt. Cmdr. John Boone a pilot with Strike Fighter  
Squadron 86, anxiously awaits his father's  
arrival back to Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort  
Feb. 25. Marines and Sailors from Marine  
Fighter Attack Squadron 312 and Navy Strike  
Fighter Squadrons 82 and 86 returned to the  
station Feb. 25 and 26. The squadrons were  
attached to Carrier Air Wing 65 aboard the USS  
Enterprise for six months. During deployment,  
the squadrons participated in Operations  
Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

*Photo by Cpl. Amber Castro*

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR,  
Calif.** – Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11  
threw a barracks bash Feb. 13 that featured  
team competitions, food, games and a live band  
performance. Here, Lance Cpl. Boid S. Wolff,  
an aviation ordnance mechanic, gives his all  
during the four-man team push-up competition.

*Photo by Cpl. James S. McGregor*



**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – Crucible  
Challenge participants race toward the turnaround point during  
the dummy drag competition. Two hundred thirty-five high school  
students from Recruiting Station San Diego's area gathered  
at the base Feb. 6 for a weekend of sleeping in the field and  
negotiating Crucible obstacles like Marine Corps recruits.

*Photo by Sgt. Ethan E. Roche*

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP  
PENDLETON, Calif.** – Cpl. Jason M.  
Heming of 1st Force Reconnaissance  
Company rappels upside down, using a  
technique called the "Australian," at the 33  
Area rappel tower Feb. 4. The company  
is training to re-certify its HRST masters  
for an upcoming deployment to Iraq.

*Photo by Cpl. Robert M. Storm*



**MARINE CORPS RECRUIT  
DEPOT PARRIS ISLAND,  
S.C.** – Kimberly Gladden fields  
a ball during practice Jan. 13.  
Gladden played on the 2003  
All-Marine Women's Softball Team  
and was selected as the 2003  
Depot Female Athlete of the Year.

*Photo by Cpl. Alisha R. Fitzgerald*



**ISHIKAWA CITY, Okinawa, Japan** – Seaman Jamal E.  
James, corpsman, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Force  
Service Support Group, jumps rope with 65 kindergartners from  
Iha Elementary School during a gift exchange Jan 16.  
The children swarmed gift-wielding Marines and Sailors  
from the battalion during the Toys for Tots gift exchange.

*Photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan Walker*